

Hi. I would like to state that I am AGAINST the Lindley Creek Road development for several reasons. The water restrictions already in Merritt during summer month don't allow for such an increase in population. The sewage disposal plant is not able to handle the extra increases. The public services such as hospital, doctor shortage and RCMP are not equipped to handle a population explosion. And the garbage disposal site in Lower Nicola, which I will remind you, was only meant to be a temporary site for the city, and would be overwhelmed, and I would like to see it removed from my backyard in Lower Nicola. The traffic on Voght street is already too high volume in summer. Our grocery store downtown is over crowded in summer and there is food shortage. The site of chicken coop town houses such as in Chilliwack is unsightly and an affront to our small country town atmosphere. And I also have grave concerns for bringing in carpenters and workers from out of town during the present COVID outbreak. Should we have a sudden increase in COVID victims our hospital cannot handle the increase in patients. So, for the benefit of a few developers making money, Merritt would face the increase of crime, road maintenance, hospital volumes and school increases that would cost substantial money with no increase from government funding at this time. Those developers would be gone and Merritt would have to deal with it alone. If it were to go ahead where do you expect the people buying those very pricey homes to get a well paying job. There is a severe shortage of long term employment as it stands today. Perhaps it would bring some money to the coffers in the near future but would increase costs later. Therefore, I am against a large development and wish Merritt to remain the nice quiet town we all enjoy today, for my family and my children's future. Darlene Deutch